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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR SFCP-- WORLD DAM COMPENDIUM

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1. INSTITUTE FOR HYDROMETEOROLOGY AND WATER ECONOMY IS ABOUT TO COMPLETE INFORMAL ESTIMATES FOR WORLD DAM COMPENDIUM PROPOSAL. IN VIEW OF COSTS THEY FORESEE, SCIATT HAS OBTAINED THEIR PRELIMINARY FIGURES AND WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION FROM INTERIOR AS TO WHETHER THESE ARE WITHIN ACCEPTABLE RANGE.

2. INSTITUTE FORESEES COVERAGE OF FIVE HUNDRED DAMS, APPROXIMATELY FOUR PAGES EACH, IN FIVE VOLUMES. COSTS OF COLLECTING, WRITING AND EDITING, THAT IS TOTAL PREPARATION COSTS, WOULD RUN APPROXIMATELY FOUR MILLION ZLOTIES. PRINTING COSTS FOR PRESS RUN OF THREE THOUSAND SETS WOULD BE EIGHT MILLION ZLOTIES, WITH COST OF EIGHT- THOUSAND- SET PRESS RUN ALMOST EXACTLY THE SAME. THUS TOTAL COST OF PREPARATION AND PRINTING WOULD BE 12 MILLION ZLOTIES (APPROXIMATELY EQUIVALENT SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN EXCESS FOREIGN CURRENCY), OR ABOUT DOLLARS SEVENTY FIVE PER SET.

3. POLES WOULD PROPOSE TO RUN EIGHT THOUSAND COPIES, OF WHICH ONE THOUSAND WOULD BE FOR THEIR OWN USE, THREE THOUSAND FOR DELIVERY TO U. S. SPONSOR, AND FOUR THOUSAND FOR POLISH SALE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, FOR WHICH THEY WOULD RETAIN RIGHTS.

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4. THESE THREE THOUSAND SETS WOULD BE CHARGED TO U. S. AT ACTUAL PRODUCTION COST, DOLLARS 225,000.00 IN EFC, THOUGH VOLUMES SOLD ABROAD WOULD PROBABLY CARRY HIGHER PRICE.

5. POLISH PROPOSAL PREPARERS STRESS THESE ESTIMATES ARE FOR HIGHEST QUALITY JOB POSSIBLE, WHICH IS THE ONLY WAY THEY WOULD WISH TO DO IT. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY PLAN FOUR- COLOR REPRODUCTION, AS WELL AS PURCHASE OF SPECIAL HEAVY PLASTIC- COATED PAPER FROM ABROAD. THEY WOULD PLAN TO COMPLETE THIS IN THREE YEARS.

6. THEY INDICATE OFFICIAL PROPOSAL PROBABLY COULD BE READY WITHIN ONE MONTH, BUT WOULD LIKE INDICATION AS TO CONTINUED U. S. INTEREST BEFORE UNDERTAKING PREPARATION OF FORMAL SUBMISSION. ADVISE.

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